

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **BICYCLE PATROL**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☒ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Security**

Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **Bicycle - Patrol**

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Hospital: **Metropolitan State Hospital**

Purpose: Metropolitan State Hospital is a 162 acre campus with large grassy areas. Many of these areas are difficult to access with a patrol vehicle.

Brief Description: We established a "Bicycle Patrol" for the hospital campus with a small cadre of officers who had already taken a P.O.S.T. Certified "Bike Patrol" course. Two mountain bikes were painted black & white, equipped with red lights, sirens, and first aid kits. The officers on Bicycle Patrol are a novelty. As a result, they attract a lot of attention. The attention translates to a highly visible preventative patrol. We have improved response time by cutting across areas that a vehicle would have to drive around. The staff and patients seem to like the Bike Patrol. Feedback is that it breaks down some of the barriers that are elemental to an officer in a vehicle.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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